

Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2020, 5:30 p.m., Houston Nature Center
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chris Schroeder (President), Rod Torgerson (Vice President), Nancy Forsyth (Treasurer), John Evenson (Secretary), Ron Evenson (Board Member), Taylor Laschenski (Director)

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chris at 5:42 p.m.
- II. Minutes from February's meeting were approved. Rod motioned to approve, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
- III. Current account balance is \$7,857.75.
 - A. \$2,428.33 is marked for Lawn Chair Concert Series.
 - B. Expecting \$300 reimbursement after end of year from an Explore MN advertising grant.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Membership updates
 1. Letters went out to businesses with membership forms with a recap of 2020 and inviting businesses to join for 2021.
 2. Nancy will send out the list of current 2021 members.
 - B. Lawn Chair Concert Series
 1. Concerts are planned for this summer (Wednesday nights July-August at Houston Nature Center). Event arrangements and limitations are still being discussed.
- V. New Business:
 - A. Houston County asked for use of fest grounds driveway for Household Hazardous Waste Event 2021. Event is 5/22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - B. Fundraising ideas will be discussed as we move toward summer.
 - C. Possible Block Party arrangements for this fall will be made pending insight from Houston Hoedown and other summer events.

D. News and resources for local information and updates were discussed.

VI. Rod motioned to adjourn, seconded by John. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Taylor Laschenski, Director